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MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S BONHAM CEMETERY ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Bonham Cemetery in Pintlala to the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register.

"The cemetery register is a prestigious listing of historic cemeteries in Alabama," said Lee Anne Wofford, cemetery program coordinator. "The AHC considers the notable historic cemeteries in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition."

There are now nineteen cemeteries in Montgomery County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 320 cemeteries statewide.

Bonham Cemetery contains both marked and unmarked burials. The oldest marked grave is of U.S. soldier Royal Thaxter of Portland, Maine who died February 24, 1833. Family names found here include Anderson, Armstrong, Ballard, Bonham, Mosley, Tatnell, Trammell, Varner, and Warner. One Civil War veteran and one Mexican-American War veteran are also buried here.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Historic Cemetery Program that gives aid to the general public, government officials, civic groups, and others in identifying, documenting, registering, and conserving Alabama's historic cemeteries.

The Alabama Historic Cemetery Register officially recognizes and honors family and community cemeteries that were established at least 40 years ago.

Listing in the state cemetery register is an honorary designation imposing no restrictions on property owners. State law protects all cemeteries from willful desecration and destruction.

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